

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as currently pending in the application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A charger for ~~generating hydrogen for storage in a fuel tank of a fuel cell system~~ which includes a power intake electrode, wherein the charger is being detachable from the fuel cell system[[,]] and wherein the charger comprises:

water supply means that supplies water to the fuel cell system; ~~and~~

a power supply port constructed to provide a detachable electric connection to the power intake electrode of the fuel cell system; and

power supply means that supplies electric power via the power supply port to the [[a]] power intake electrode of the fuel cell system ~~that takes in electric power for electrolyzing water supplied to the fuel cell system to generate hydrogen,~~

wherein the power supply means supplies electric power for charger, not having an electrolyte membrane, generates hydrogen by electrolyzing water supplied by the water supply means to [[in]] the fuel cell system to generate hydrogen through use of an ion conductor included in a cell of the fuel cell system.

2. (Currently Amended) A charger according to claim 1, wherein when connected, the [[a]] power supply port and ~~of the power supply means is connected to the power intake electrode of the fuel cell system~~ are connected in a state in which the power supply port and the power intake electrode are insulated from an outside.

3. (Currently Amended) A charger according to claim 1, wherein the power supply means includes:

a plug for obtaining AC power supply from an outside;

a DC converter for converting the AC power supply into a direct current;

a transformer for transforming DC power supply into a voltage matched to a charging voltage of the fuel cell system; and

~~a power supply port that supplies~~ wherein the transformed power voltage from the transformer is supplied via the power supply port ~~supply~~ to the power intake electrode of the fuel cell system.

4. (Original) A charger according to claim 1, wherein the water supply means comprises means that supplies water in a state in which the fuel cell system is immersed in the water.

5. (Previously Presented) A charger according to claim 1, wherein the water supply means comprises means that changes water into a mist state and supplies the water in the mist state to the fuel cell system.

6. (Currently Amended) A charger according to claim 1, further comprising a cooler that cools ~~a~~ the fuel tank of the fuel cell system in a state in which the fuel cell system is attached to the charger.

7. (Original) A charger according to claim 1, further comprising a heater that heats a cell section of the fuel cell system in a state in which the fuel cell system is attached to the charger.

8. (Original) A charger according to claim 1, wherein the power supply means further includes power control means that controls electric power to be supplied to the fuel cell system.

9. (Currently Amended) A charger according to claim 8, wherein the power control means controls electric power to be supplied to the fuel cell system on the basis of a signal from a pressure sensor provided in a ~~the~~ fuel tank of the fuel cell system.

10. (Currently Amended) A charger according to claim 1, further comprising valve control means that opens and closes a fuel supply valve provided in a fuel flow path, which introduces generated hydrogen to a ~~the~~ fuel tank of the fuel cell system, on the basis of a signal concerning a pressure of hydrogen from a pressure sensor provided in the fuel tank of the fuel cell system.

11. (Currently Amended) A charger according to claim 1, further comprising a residual capacity detecting means that displays a residual amount of fuel in a ~~the~~ fuel tank of the fuel cell system on the basis of a signal concerning a pressure of hydrogen from a pressure sensor provided in the fuel tank of the fuel cell system.

12. (Currently Amended) A charger for ~~generating hydrogen for storage in a fuel tank of a fuel cell system~~ which includes a power intake electrode, wherein the charger is being detachable from the fuel cell system[[,]] and ~~wherein the charger~~ comprises:

a power supply port constructed to provide a detachable electric connection to the power intake electrode of the fuel cell system;

power supply means that supplies electric power via the power supply port to the [[a]] power intake electrode of the fuel cell system ~~that takes in electric power for electrolyzing water in the fuel cell system to generate hydrogen;~~ and

power control means that controls electric power to be supplied to the fuel cell system by the power supply means on the basis of a signal from a pressure sensor provided in a ~~the~~ fuel tank of the fuel cell system,

wherein the power supply means supplies electric power for charger, not having an electrolyte membrane, generates hydrogen by electrolyzing water in the fuel cell system to generate hydrogen through use of an ion conductor included in a cell of the fuel cell system.

13. (Currently Amended) A charger for ~~generating hydrogen for storage in a fuel tank of a fuel cell system~~ which includes a power intake electrode, wherein the charger is being detachable from the fuel cell system[[,]] and ~~wherein the charger~~ comprises:

a power supply port constructed to provide a detachable electric connection to the power intake electrode of the fuel cell system;

power supply means that supplies electric power via the power supply port to the  
[[a]] power intake electrode of the fuel cell system ~~that takes in electric power for electrolyzing~~  
~~water in the fuel cell system to generate hydrogen; and,~~

wherein the power supply means supplies electric power for electrolyzing water in  
the fuel cell system to generate hydrogen through use of an ion conductor included in a cell of the  
fuel cell system; and

valve control means that opens and closes a fuel supply valve provided in a fuel  
flow path of the fuel cell system, which introduces generated hydrogen to a [[the]] fuel tank of  
the fuel cell system, on the basis of a signal concerning a pressure of hydrogen from a pressure  
sensor provided in the fuel tank of the fuel cell system[[,]]

~~wherein the charger, not having an electrolyte membrane, generates hydrogen by~~  
~~electrolyzing water in the fuel cell system through use of an ion conductor included in a cell of~~  
~~the fuel cell system.~~

14. to 42. (Cancelled)